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In re Application of: Joseph A. HERMAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/649,400

Examiner: BAYAT, B.B.

Filed: August 26, 2000

Art Unit: 3621

FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIRTUAL SEALED-BID

COMPETITIONS HELD OVER A COMMUNICATIONS

NETWORK

Via facsimile September 29, 2004 The examiner just called to inform me

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing:

this response was never entered. After discussing, he asked me to fax this response in now. Attached at the back is Paper No. 12 (dated March 3, 2004), which led me to believe everything was in order.

Amendment, 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, 1.115.

Verified Statement (Declaration) of Prior Invention -- Swearing Back of Reference --___ 37 C.F.R. §1.131.

Applicant/Assignee claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27. ___

Check in the amount of \$ 475.00 for fee for three (3) month extension ✓_

Other: Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a); and Return Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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To the Commissioner for Patents:
In re Application of: HERMAN et al.
FOR: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIRTUAL SEALED-BID
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Enclosed for filing please find:

(1) Amendment.
(2) Declaration under Rule 131.
(3) Petition for Extension.
(4) check in amount of \$475.

Attorney Docket Number: 401-8.